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Response to the Office Action

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 11 as being

anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), allowed claims 20-22, and indicated that claims 2-10 and 12-

19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9 and claim 11 has been

amended to include the limitations of claim 19. Accordingly, claims 9 and 19 have been canceled.

In light of these amendments, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections under 35

U.S.C. § 102(b).

In addition, claim 10 has been amended to correct antecedent basis due to the cancellation

of claim 9 and claim 22 has been amended to correct a punctuation error. No new matter has been

added.

Applicant believes claims 1-8, 10-18, and 20-22 are in condition for allowance. Early

notification to that effect is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or identifies any issues that

can be resolved over the telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative

at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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